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Letter dated 11 September 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 6 September 2017 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the conclusions adopted by the Working Group on 22 June 2017 (S/AC.51/2017/3).

(*Signed*) Tekeda **Alemu**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

At its 63rd formal meeting, on 18 April 2017, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the fifth report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Sudan (S/2017/191), covering the period from 1 March 2011 to 31 December 2016. At its 66th meeting, on 22 June 2017, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Sudan (S/AC.51/2017/3).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014) and 2255 (2015), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, with:

(a) Requesting you to continue to ensure the effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism in the Sudan and of the child protection component of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, including by allocating sufficient dedicated child protection capacity to the component and to the United Nations Children's Fund to, inter alia, monitor and report on violations and abuses committed against children, mainstream child protection within the mission, train the mission personnel in child protection and engage in dialogue with parties to the armed conflict on action plans and their implementation;

(b) Requesting you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting continues its work and advocacy for the release and reintegration of children associated with armed groups and armed forces, to support the implementation of the action plans and commitments and to continue engagement with the Sudan Liberation Army/Abdul Wahid to develop an action plan to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children, in line with Security Council resolutions 1539 (2004), 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014) and 2225 (2015).

(*Signed*) Olof **Skoog**
Chair
Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict